

In the Specification:

Please add the following three paragraphs in the Brief Description of the Drawings section, immediately after paragraph 0037 of the published application:

[0038] FIG. 10 is a perspective view shown partially in phantom, depicting a stent of the present invention.

[0039] FIG. 11 is a cross-sectional view taken along line 11-11 of FIG. 10.

[0040] FIG. 12 is a cross-sectional view taken along lines 12-12 of FIG. 10.